



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 232

Introduced by: **Senator Howard**

1 **An Act to impose a one-year moratorium on the construction or expansion of**  
2 **hyperscale data centers.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a moratorium is imposed  
5 on any new construction or expansion of a hyperscale data center in this state. The  
6 moratorium includes the expansion of any data center that is not currently a hyperscale  
7 data center but, if expanded, would become a hyperscale data center.

8 The moratorium is in effect through June 30, 2027.

9 For purposes of this Act, "hyperscale data center" means a centralized repository:

- 10 (1) For the storage, management, dissemination, and processing of electronic data  
11 and information; and  
12 (2) Having a peak electrical demand of fifty megawatts or greater.